

An inspiration and an honour

Paralympic Games bring spectacular sights to the borough

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■ CREATING THE SPECTACLE: Artist Sue Austin in her underwater display in a wheelchair

WORLD eyes are again focussing on Weymouth and Portland as it welcomes a second influx of international sailors for the 2012 Paralympic Games sailing events.

Those sailors have been surging over the waves in Portland Harbour with the main sailing competition reaching its climax today (Thursday) with Medal Day.

Crowds gathered to welcome the English flame for the Paralympics last week since when people have been packing out a variety of Maritime Mix and b-side art and cultural events being held in association with the sailing.

One of the highlights was Creating the Spectacle, an amazing underwater live art event held at Osprey Leisure Centre, Portland, where disabled artist Sue Austin produced an incredible underwater display in a wheelchair as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

Those unable to attend the live event were able to watch film of her inside the ICCI dome which continues its popular run near Weymouth Pavilion.

Other attractions ranged from babygrows created by teenagers and young parents to telepathic drawing experiments and the spectacular sounds of Harmonic Fields where Bowers Quarry on Portland was used to create

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ALTHOUGH from Clevedon in North Somerset, actor Stuart McLoughlin has spent his whole summer in Lyme Regis performing the popular Shanty Theatre Company's hit show "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" at the Marine Theatre.

He is now looking forward to returning to play all six wives of Henry VIII in his latest comedy.

Stuart may also be recognised from his television appearances, the most prominent of which was his role in the 2008 comedy series "Clone".

● **WHEN did you first become interested in acting?**
I suppose when I was about 16 or so. It seemed a good way to meet girls and to show off to people. I think I had always been acting really, without knowing I was doing it.

● **WHERE did you train?**
At the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. Harry Long, one of the founder members of the Shanty Theatre Company and Marine Theatre artistic director, was on my course and we became great mates there.

I'm delighted to be returning there on September 27th to perform "Henry".

● **WHY did you want to play "The Six Wives of Henry VIII"?**

It all started when I saw a portrait of Henry VIII in Hever Castle on a day trip. He looked exactly like my friend Howard. Howard and I had worked together quite a bit before this and we were always looking for a new show that we could do together. So I jokingly suggested to him that he play Henry VIII and I play all the wives. He went very quiet and I could see he was taking the idea seriously. Three years later we had written the show and were performing it.

I suppose I was initially attracted to playing the wives because of the obvious comedy value. But as I began to look into the stories of each of the wives, I discovered that they're all very different and their relationships with Henry were so varied and complicated that there seemed to be the capacity for some pathos too.

The cruelty they suffered at the hands of Henry, the man they loved, is incredibly moving. So there was a line between humour and pathos that I really relished in the writing, and relish every time we perform the show.

● **WHAT can the audience expect from the show?**
To laugh, hopefully, and hear some fun, toe-tapping songs. While I wouldn't suggest coming to brush up on your knowledge of Tudor history, there is quite a lot in there. It's not recommended for children though - we've suggested 12 years plus. There's some quite bawdy humour... those Tudors were pretty naughty!

● **WERE you pleased with the local reaction to your**



latest Shanty Theatre Company show?

I was really chuffed with the response. On the whole it was a joyful project to be involved with. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the show. The Shanty Theatre Company is one of the best companies I've ever worked with and I love the community spirit in their work.

● **WHAT do you like about working at the Marine**

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Theatre?

I love all the staff and volunteers who are always so friendly and welcoming. It really feels like a home away from home for me. It feels warm and comfortable, and is a very creative and vibrant place for me. And of course, working with Tim Bell and Harry Long, the fantastic artistic directors and founders of the Shanty Theatre Company.

● **WHAT is your favourite role that you have played?**
That's difficult. It changes all the time, as I enjoy every role I do more than the last one. I very much enjoy playing Hermit Crabbe in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and Ann of Cleves in "The Six Wives of Henry VIII".

When you write something and then perform it, your sense of satisfaction is much bigger as you have really created the character for yourself. So I'd say those two right now.

● **WHO is your inspiration?**

That's a tough one. They change all the time. In terms of music I'd have to say Joni Mitchell, whose style, delivery and writing has changed so dramatically over the years. She's constantly reinvented herself, which I think is a true mark of genius.

In terms of acting, I'm a massive fan of Michael Fassbender. He's just brilliant in everything he's in, which is pretty inspirational.

● **WHAT is the last book you read, film you watched and CD you listened to?**

The last book I read was "An Evil Cradling" by Brian Keenan, all about his years as a hostage in Lebanon. I couldn't put it down. The last film I saw was "Snow White and the Huntsman". It was absolutely terrible. Truly, truly dire! The last CD I listened to was "Helplessness Blues" by Fleet Foxes - one of my favourite albums of all time.

● **WHAT three items would you like with you if stranded on a desert island?**

Can I have a boat and two oars? If not I'd like a guitar, a ukulele and umm... a machine that makes sand into a boat and two oars!

● **WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

I'd invite Joni Mitchell, Neil Gaiman and The Beatles (they count as one person don't they?).

"The Six Wives of Henry VIII" (pictured above) will be performed at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Thursday, September 6th, at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday 7th and at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday 8th.

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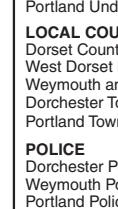
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Man dies following head injury

DETECTIVES in Weymouth are appealing for anyone with information to come forward following the death of a man in the Melcombe Regis area of the town – with investigators keen to establish the full circumstances.

The incident occurred on Turton Street, near to the Duke of Albany public house at around 8pm on Sunday 2 September 2012.

The victim, a 44-year-old man from Weymouth, was seen to fall over in the street. He

sustained a life threatening injury to his head, he later died in hospital.

A 25-year-old man from Weymouth has been arrested in connection with the incident and is helping the police with their enquiries.

Detective Inspector Stewart Dipple of Weymouth CID, said: "This is a very sad incident and we are keen to establish the facts."

"I understand that there were several people in the vicinity who may have seen what happened and the events prior to the man sustain-

ing his injuries.

"We would very much like to speak to anyone who has any information that may help us determine exactly what happened."

The coroner and next of kin have been informed.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 15:531. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Blowing in the wind

ONE of the most memorable attractions the island has ever staged is literally blowing in the wind on Portland.

Harmonic Fields set up in Bowers Quarry is the quite extraordinary creation of French composer Pierre Sauvegeot who has harnessed more than 500 instruments to be played by the wind.

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Harmonic Fields is part of

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Sounds from Harmonic

Fields are quiet and come at their own pace, like waves on the seashore, with music in its simplest, most primal form.

Pierre said: "It was a very pleasant project to work on. I came here in November to scout four sites and I chose this one as the best for a lot of reasons including security, access and artistic creation."

"It is a solution not a compromise. I hate compromise."

Bill Gee, co-artistic direc-

tor for the Inside Out Dorset festival which is being staged by Activate Performing Arts, said: "I am so happy that it feels just right for this place."

"It feels very specific for the quarry, the footpath and Portland and that is exactly what we wanted when we first saw it."

Harmonic Fields will run until Sunday September 9th and will be open each day from noon until 7pm. Visitors should allow at least an hour to enjoy it.

Weymouth weather watch



Wettest summer since records began

WEYMOUTH has just had its wettest summer since records began in 1880.

Weatherman Bob Poots said the previous record of 291.4mm set in 1960 was smashed by this year's downpours when an incredible 343mm of rain drenched Weymouth.

August underlined the summer pattern with 74.2mm which was well above the average rainfall of 47.8mm for the month, the greatest rainfall of 29.2mm coming on Carnival Day.

When Mr Poots checked the records he not only found that this brought rainfall for the year to 612.9mm or 191.3mm above average but that the exceptional new summer rainfall record was 2.6 times greater than rainfall for an average summer.

For all that, the sun only failed to shine on just two days during August and, despite the rain, sunshine levels for the month were about 208 hours,

just 11 hours below average.

It brought sunshine for the year so far to 1,346 hours and 36 minutes or 42 hours and eight minutes below average.

Fog was noted on August 18th and 19th while ground frost was recorded overnight between 30th and 31st. The strongest gust of wind at 32mph came on August 29th.

Temperatures for August were a mix with the average maximum down 0.1 Centigrade at 20.2, the average minimum up 1.8C at 15C, the average mean up 0.5C at 17.6C and the average sea temperature down 1.5C at 16C.

Seasonal temperatures were largely below average with the maximum down 1C at 18.5C, minimum up 0.8C at 13.4C, the average mean down 0.1C at 15.9C and the average sea temperature down 2.4C at 13.6C.



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VOLUNTEERS are needed for this year's annual Dorset autumn beach clean is taking place across the coastline on Sunday, September 16th.

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Items recovered from our beaches included plastics, beach party debris, items that had been fly tipped, tyres and other rubbish, all of which was cleared away, and where possible, recycled.

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Weymouth and Portland embrace the Paralympic Games

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Pierre Sauvageot's ensemble of 500 instruments played by the wind.

Celebrated Weymouth sand sculptor Mark Anderson created a Paralympic logo of sand inside his new beach display opposite Alexandra Gardens while visitors enjoyed A Natural History of Pseudomorphs at Portland Bill's National Coastwatch Training Centre or flew back millions of years on the Jurassic Airlines flight simulator outside Weymouth Pavilion.

A statue of Mandeville was unveiled outside Weymouth Railway Station and samba dancers and musicians from Street Heat performed outside the ICCI dome.

There were concerts and surprise choir appearances in buses and pubs and tomorrow (fri) will see morris dancing with Dinosaurs Not Allowed while dance groups will be at the Jubilee Clock where they will perform tomorrow and on Saturday, September 8th.

The grand finale will be a national event Bandstand Marathon this Sunday (September 9th) lunchtime with local bands joining in the concert by playing near the Jubilee Clock followed by the colourful Moving Tides children's procession which had to be rescheduled from an earlier Olympic date ruined by the weather.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Margaret Leicester said: "The Paralympic Games are really inspiring and it is a great honour for us to stage the sailing events.

"It is wonderful to see the effort competitors have made to take part and it will hopefully put the spotlight on disabled people and show just what a valuable part of the community they are."

A warm welcome for mascot Mandeville



■ LILY Djeebet, Joe Lane and Ava Smith greet Mandeville

A WARM Weymouth and Portland welcome was extended when a two-metre figure of Paralympic mascot Mandeville was unveiled outside the town's railway station.

The sculpture is now welcoming visitors to the borough for the 2012 Paralympic sailing events.

Mandeville has been painted in Britain's iconic red, white and blue and has its feet specially planted in a sandcastle made from Weymouth Beach sand.

Children and families helped design the mascots with Mandeville's head representing elements of the three crescent shapes of the Paralympics symbol.

Weymouth and Portland tourism spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce

said: "It is lovely to see Mandeville displayed on one of Weymouth and Portland's famous sandcastles. I think he is terrific, a colourful addition to Weymouth.

"He will stay at the station until the end of September after which he will be available for use at community events.

"The Paralympic Games are the perfect end to what has been a fantastic summer for Weymouth and Portland and we would like to wish all Paralympics GB athletes well."

The mascot is named after Stoke Mandeville Hospital, which organised the Stoke Mandeville Games in 1948, a competition for injured soldiers which helped inspire the concept of the Paralympic Games.

Weymouth and Portland social inclusion spokesman Councillor Kate Wheller said: "We are extremely proud to be hosting the Paralympic sailing events here in Weymouth and Portland.

"The Stoke Mandeville legacy was an inspiration for everyone and the borough is embracing the Paralympic values of courage, determination, inspiration and equality."

Among those welcoming the Mandeville figure was flame ambassador David Wallis who said: "He's amazing isn't he," while wheelchair users Vickie Crowe and Carole Chinn both wanted to give Mandeville a hug!



■ VICKIE Crowe (left) and Carole Chinn with Mandeville

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■ COLOURFUL Kevin Gibbs of Street Heat (right)

Enjoying a colourful welcome

SAMBA musicians and dancers from Street Heat staged a performance outside the ICCI360 dome near Weymouth Pavilion as part of the Paralympics opening ceremony.

The sailing events are being held in Weymouth Harbour and Street Heat made sure they got a spectacular welcome.

Band leader Kevin Gibbs said: "Our performance marked Weymouth and Portland staging the Paralympic sailing events.

"We hope that what we did was a colourful way of cheering on Team GB."



Opening ceremony on the big screen

WEYMOUTH Pavilion Ocean Room was packed when it screened the London opening ceremony for the 2012 Paralympic Games.

Events manager Steve Davies said people had really turned up in force to enjoy watching the ceremony on a big screen.

He added: "The atmosphere was incredible and the people were so enthusiastic that they applauded. It just shows how Weymouth and Portland has taken the Olympic and Paralympic Games to its heart.

"Once again Weymouth and Portland embraced the world stage and showed what amazing interest there is in major events when they are staged locally."



■ MARTIN Graham prepares to start the walk from Weymouth Railway Station

Guided rambles around the area

RAMBLERS enjoyed several days of guided walks during the Paralympics.

The walks set off from Weymouth Railway Station and were led by four different leaders including Martin Graham.

He took his party through the Radipole Lake reserve, along the Rodwell Trail and on to Ferrybridge.

Martin said: "All the walks were run by South Dorset Ramblers Association in association with the London 2012 Paralympics.

"My party was enthusiastic and really enjoyed the walk and I understand the other walks were equally popular."

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Amazing wheelchair ballet



■ SUE AUSTIN before her underwater display

4-page special feature by Harry Walton
in celebration of Weymouth and Portland's
role in the Paralympic Games

NATIONALLY famous disabled artist Sue Austin performed an amazing underwater wheelchair ballet (pictured on the front page) at Osprey Leisure Centre on Portland.

Her Creating the Spectacle performance formed part of the Maritime Mix London 2012 festival of the Cultural Olympiad for the Paralympic Games.

She took to Osprey's swimming pool in a specially adapted NHS wheelchair complete with two underwater thrusters, two specially created frontal hydroplanes and a third at the rear.

Sue then staged an improvised live art performance through sharply lit water, everything being visible live to a poolside audience who could see her graceful performance on screen.

She was accompanied by seven-year-old Annabel Burton, whose father is an underwater cameraman, in a performance which was warmly applauded by the audience.

Sue said: "This was a dream come true for me. This commission to create work for the Cultural Olympiad means that I am able to take ideas that I have had privately on to a national and international stage.

"We did have a problem with one fin breaking but we went ahead with the performance to inspire and excite people to attempt things they might otherwise not have tried. People are saying – if you can do that I can do anything."

Among those at the performance was flame ambassador Ian White who said: "It was impressive."

Spectacle project manager Andrea Frankham-Hughes said: "This was completely groundbreaking and two years in the making.

"The wheelchair was specially developed round an idea by Sue who brought it and the thrusters to my husband, Bob, and asked him to turn her fantasy into reality.

"The result was breathtaking. I find it quite emotional to watch. It brings a tear to my eye no matter how many times I see it because she looks so graceful despite it requiring a lot of effort from her. It is stunning.

"This was also a big team effort involving a lot of local people from Osprey to local dive companies, all of whom we are deeply grateful to."

Film showing Sue in the Red Sea off Egypt was later shown in the ICCI360 dome near Weymouth Pavilion.

Beach sports arena reopens



■ DAVE Franks tries out the wheelchair basketball

QUEUES formed early when Weymouth's popular beach sports arena opened again for the Paralympic Games.

More than 92,000 used the sports arena during the Olympic Games and organisers are expecting another big response by the time the arena closes tomorrow (Friday).

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'Phenomenal response to beach sports arena

FROM page 7

Sports available include golf, table tennis, a speed gun, rowing, cycling, short tennis and the Paralympic sport of Boccia where balls are rolled towards a target.

Dave Franks, who is co-organising the event with Active Dorset, said: "We also have seated volleyball and wheelchair basketball, sailing canoeing and windsurfing."

"The response to the arena has been phenomenal. The emphasis for this arena is celebrating the Paralympics and allowing able bodied and disabled people to have a go at Paralympic sports."

"Today we held an inspirational visit from up to 300 local children from special schools while tomorrow we host more than 200 adults with learning disabilities, so it will be a wonderful finale to the arena."

ATHLETICS legend Lord Coe dropped in during the Paralympic Games to see how Weymouth and Portland's hugely popular beach sports arena was getting on.

Lord Coe, who is chairman of the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, toured the sandy site, visiting the Royal Yachting Association stand, the wheelchair basketball and the beach volleyball areas.

He then moved inside a giant marquee containing rowing, cycling and boccia where he tried his hand at golf and partnered eight-year-old Tom Kilcoyne from Bridport at table tennis.

Tom said: "It was awesome. It was the first time I have seen him."

Lord Coe said he was very impressed with the arena which gave people of all abilities a chance to experience various sports.

He told the View: "Weymouth and Portland have been fantastic hosts and this arena is wonderful. It is everything that we wanted to happen when we bid for the Games,



Olympic and Paralympic."

Lord Coe said it was a wonderful opportunity to encourage young people with sport which would bear fruit throughout their lives and the lives of their children.

He added: "This is a really smart and creative thing to do. I have seen a lot of smart and creative things coming out of Weymouth and Portland over the last seven years so it doesn't really surprise me."

Lord Coe ended his visit by saying that Weymouth

and Portland had forged a real partnership to help create a lasting legacy and show that the Games were "not just about two or three weeks of sport".

He said: "The Paralympic spirit here has been extraordinary. The Paralympics are our sport, it is what we do and it doesn't surprise me that we have taken it to our hearts."

■ LORD COE by the beach volleyball court (above) and with eight-year-old Tom Kilcoyne at table tennis.



■ SEATED beach volleyball

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Advertising Feature

Don't miss the deadline to reclaim care home fees paid.

The Chief Executive of the NHS in England has recently announced new and much shorter deadlines for registering claims for NHS Continuing Healthcare. He has invited individuals or their representatives to notify their relevant Primary Care Trust where there

is evidence of eligibility for NHS funding for healthcare for any period from 1 April 2004.

Currently it is possible to reclaim care home fees paid on eligible cases back as far as 1 April 2004 however at the end of September 2012 that earliest date will move forward to 1 April 2011 therefore potentially excluding seven years care home fees from an eligible claim. This could amount to a loss of around £200,000 in exceptional cases and very commonly amounts between £30,000 to £75,000.

At the end of March 2013 the earliest date will move forward again to exclude new claims for periods of care prior to 31 March 2012.

Claims can be mounted whether or not the claimant has since died. If alive the claimant or their Power of Attorney or Deputy can claim. If



now deceased the Executors would normally claim on behalf of the estate.

The key to the claim is eligibility under the assessment process for NHS Continuing Healthcare. A multi disciplinary team looks at twelve areas of need and grades each of the individuals' healthcare requirements to formulate a decision as to eligibility. These needs cover both mental

and physical health and include dementia and its effects on communication and behaviour.

The family of the claimant should be invited to the assessment if the claimant is still alive and they can elect to be represented by a solicitor or other suitable person, preferably someone with extensive experience in the assessment and appeals process.

There are a great many people in care who are self funding who will not qualify as their needs are not sufficiently intense, complex or unpredictable in nature. These will be classed as social care rather than healthcare. However there are also a great many people who have deteriorated in care and may have either not been assessed or were wrongly assessed.

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Crematorium remembrance

RESIDENTS of Weymouth and Portland are being invited to a remembrance service at Weymouth Crematorium to remember a loved one on Sunday, September 9th.

It is the first time the event has been held at the crematorium and the service starts at 2pm. It will last about an hour and people who go along will have an opportunity to walk in the grounds of the crematorium after the service.

Weymouth and Portland community facilities spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood said: "This is the first time that Weymouth Crematorium has held a service of remembrance. We are inviting people to come along to the service for an opportunity to pay their respects to someone who they love and have lost.

"We hope that lots of people come along and that we are able to organise this service for years to come."

The service will be held at Weymouth Crematorium in Quibo Lane, no booking is needed and car parking is free.

Lodmoor pitch and putt

PUTTERS are being polished ready for the first ever grand pitch and putt challenge staged by the Friends of Lodmoor Country Park in Weymouth.

The event on September 22nd will be held at the nine-hole Weymouth Pitch and Putt course at the heart of Lodmoor Country Park.

Three trophies can be won in the six to 11 years, 12-16 years and adults sections and everyone is welcome to compete. Contestants can play any time between 10am-1pm.

Hot and cold drinks will be on sale with snacks, and people are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy in the park.

Friends spokesman Dinah Ellis said: "Course proprietors Tricia and Ray Bishop have kindly allowed us to offer reduced-price tickets for this event.

"They are £4 each and are available at the Pitch & Putt course or from any committee member. More details are available on from 01305-772075 and 01305-750557.

The Friends will also hold their next open committee meeting on Thursday September 13th at 7pm at the Lodmoor Inn while there will be a litter pick from 9.30am-10.30am on Saturday, September 15th meeting beside the galleon play area.

Attractive . . .



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■ AUSTRALIAN cuttlefish

A UNIQUE new breeding programme for one of the marine world's biggest show-offs has been set up in Weymouth.

The new facility has already hatched and reared six flamboyant cuttlefish, dubbed the "rock stars" of the oceans.

The tiny Australian cephalopods – relatives of octopus and squid – can put on an amazing lightshow, flashing through an astonishing range of colours with the aid of millions of tiny ink-sacs in their skin.

Weymouth marine expert Chris Brown said: "They use their colour-changing abilities to communicate with each other and also to provide perfect camouflage in tropical reefs."

Some of the Weymouth hatchlings will go to the Brighton Sea Life Centre where scientists are engaged in long-term research of cuttlefish cam-

ouflage skills.

Even the Ministry of Defence has been taking a keen interest in the Government-sponsored research. Computer programmes based on cuttlefish colour-shifting techniques may one day be employed by military vehicles to help them adopt the ideal camouflage for any terrain.

Chris said: "It sounds far-fetched, but similar technology is already being employed in the advertising industry and it's not beyond the realms of possibility that it could provide future tanks with the equivalent of Harry Potter's "cloak of invisibility".

He added that Sea Life's objective was simply to provide as many of its 40-plus aquariums worldwide with stunning captive-bred display creatures.

He said: "Our long-term aim is to

only source captive bred animals and alleviate the need for display creatures to be taken from the wild."

Weymouth's marine experts are taking care to avoid ever handling the flamboyant cuttlefish as their skin contains a potentially lethal toxin.

Chris said: "This may serve as a deterrent to potential predators, but nobody really knows why they have this poison or what if anything it is used for."

The eggs came from London's Horniman Museum Aquarium which has successfully bred flamboyant cuttlefish for the first time in the UK.

There is also much anticipation at the Weymouth breeding centre as another species – the Indonesian dwarf cuttlefish is currently also laying eggs.

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Some serious fun

ALTHOUGH I did not see it myself, I was told a long time ago of a parody on television about religion, rather like a "Which? Best buy" investigation.

Apparently the various Christian denominations were assessed in turn, with the resulting conclusion based on which one offered the most for the least effort.


When I heard about this, I was interested to know what had been decided and why. Apparently, the chosen church was one that did not require more than an occasional visit like Easter and Christmas. But it provided such necessities as christenings, weddings and funerals.

Whilst I take this as nothing more than humorous entertainment, I also see a serious side to such an attitude. Certainly it is far removed from what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

If those hoping to participate in the Olympic Games had only thought about rewards and neglected the disciplines of training and dedication, it is unlikely they would even have been selected.

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever." (1 Corinthians 9:25)

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Just singing along!

DRUNKS are wonderful creations who feel the world has no greater setting for their voice than 3am in the morning.

I favour the school of thought that a bucket of water not applause is the correct response, but there are degrees of drinking so there must be degrees of response.

Take the other day in the middle of a St Mary Street afternoon where a busker was plying his trade.

Nothing wrong with that, but he attracted a group of men who, while they weren't drunk, had clearly been having one or three pints judging by the wave of beery breath being fanned over passers by.

Like the 3am drunk, this group of would-be minstrels suddenly felt a street guitarist was the ideal backing to show shoppers just how well they could sing and they lost no time in belting out a number or two.

I'm sure nearby shops would have coughed up a few pounds if only for the pleasure of seeing them move on, but no one else wanted to give them anything except perhaps advice that they shouldn't give up their day job.

Still, they seemed cheerful enough...although that may have been the alcohol singing.

Making a mint - from the carelessness of others

A ONE man's "business" was so successful in Weymouth that it literally cashed in on the Olympics.

Other traders were driven to despair at the start of the Games when crowds stayed away in droves before frantic publicity and changes to road signs rescued the situation and brought in hoards of spectators.

It was still not enough to save trading fig-

ures for many shops, kiosks and outlets, but this man's enterprise was raking in cash hand over fist.

So what was the secret of his success?

Well, all he seemed to need was a metal detector because the source of his wealth was coins dropped by tens of thousands of people attending beach events over the Olympic period.

I stood and watched him for a while and he couldn't move forward a single yard without stopping to fish a coin out of the sand.

He must have found several dozen just while I was watching so over an hour it clearly added up to what looked like a pretty hefty profit.

I wonder if he'd be willing to chip in a few quid to help with the Bayside fiasco?

Skateboarders should get quieter wheels!

NOBODY would criticise the Olympics for generating an upsurge in cycling but disgruntled sleepers - including myself - are less happy with an increase in skateboarding.

It is all well and good to be inspired to keep fit on rubber wheels and quite another to take to the pavement on something which sounds like an oil drum half filled with ball bearings being rolled down a hill.

There is also another factor to consider with this.

People have to get to work in the morning so sleepers must expect an increase in traffic from about 6am, but a car arrives and is gone in seconds, scarcely disturbing a sleeper, while a cyclist is almost completely silent. Then we come to the skateboarder.

I reckon the one which came past us the other morning at 6.10am could be heard grinding along the pavement a full 20 seconds before they got close to our house followed by several seconds going by and another 20 seconds be-

fore they mercifully went round a corner.

That's 40 odd seconds of aural torture which was easily long enough to fully wake me up and probably most of the street as well.

Surely to God skateboarders have access to rubberised wheels or wheels made of some compound which is a little easier on the early morning ear. If so, then those who go out on a skateboard at such an early hour should be encouraged to buy them for the sake of the rest of us who have to listen to their grating passage.

■ COUNCILLORS have been walking round with a slightly dazed look and a smile on their faces.

Unused to praise, they were clearly stunned by the meteoric success of the Olympic sports arena on the beach which has also been operating very successfully during the Paralympics.

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■ CELEBRATING Merchant Navy Day

Flag honours Merchant Navy Day

THE RED Ensign was flown outside the council offices when Weymouth and Portland marked Merchant Navy Day.

A short service was taken by Merchant Navy Association chaplain, the Reverend Dennis Mould, which was attended by dignitaries including Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Councillor Ray Banham.

He said: "It is nice that we honoured the Merchant Navy on their

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day for what they do.

"Over the years they have done an excellent job by bringing goods to this country and it was an honour for me to commemorate Merchant Navy Day."

The Merchant Navy contingent

was led by Captain Paul Compton who said more than 14,000 men were lost during the First World War and more than 30,000 British Merchant Navy men in the Second World War.

He added: "The gratitude owed to these men is finally being recognised through the official Merchant Navy Day on September 3rd every year when the Red Ensign can be flown from all public buildings."

Inspired to get sporty

TWENTY-one sports were on offer when a group of Weymouth residents held their own Olympic Games.

The Hardy Avenue Olympic Competition— or HAVOC for short— was held on the sports field at St Augustine's Primary School.

Colin Diffey, who headed a residents' committee to arrange the event, said: "We have never held anything like this before and it was so successful that we hope to hold a similar event next year."

"We divided everything into four categories with school sports day

events, Olympic events, Highland Games and It's a Knockout.

"Sports ranged from running to tossing the caber and even a wheeled bath tub pursuit race.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves, there were picnics all day and the children had a great time."



■ THE wheelbarrow wonders

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The Heritage Hotel and Restaurant

THE Heritage Hotel and Restaurant, in Chickereil just three miles west of Weymouth, offers a fine dining experience with an informal atmosphere. It's the perfect place to relax in - and indulge!

Talking of relaxing...owner and Head Chef Anne Grove says that the guest lounge created at the beginning of this year has, in their guests' own words, "transformed the place". And it really does - as soon as you walk through Reception you are greeted by sink-in sofas and chairs in a cosy but light-filled room decorated in warm, striking tones. If you are eating at The Heritage it's a wonderful place to enjoy your drinks while choosing from the menu or to have your coffee (and even a liqueur) after your meal, while for the hotel's residents they can relax with the papers or their holiday-read, or plan their

day's events after breakfast in the morning.

And had you ever thought of taking your dog to dine at The Heritage? Anne and John have always welcomed dogs, who are allowed everywhere in the hotel other than the restaurant (and kitchen areas, of course!) but now, while creating the guest lounge, a further dining area has been designated which is affectionately known as "The Dog Box". Here, just off the main restaurant, you can enjoy the same ambience and quality of food and service, but in the company of your dog. "This has been very popular," says John. "It's rare to be able to enjoy a proper restaurant experience with your dog, rather than always having to go to the more informal types of eateries." So if your dog is part of the family, there is no need to leave him or her behind when you go out for either an impromptu

meal or a planned special occasion! But remember to ask for a table in the Dog Box...

While progressing with these positive changes, there is also, happily, a theme of consistency running through The Heritage, not least in its food. Now that Anne has been at the helm in the kitchen for more than 18 months, the food at The Heritage is held in high regard. One guest, who had previously stayed with John and Anne in their Dartmoor hotel, commented, "Even down to the scrambled eggs at breakfast, it's always excellent".



▲ The Heritage Hotel and Restaurant

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For us here at Fielding and Cumber it heralds the end of the season for grass seeds down ears (and everywhere else!), adder bites and cut pads from all that extra dog walking. Vets return from their well earned summer holidays and life settles into a less hectic routine.

We are very pleased with the take up of our new Health Scheme and would like to thank our clients for their patience as we all get used to how it works! We would also like to thank you for your understanding in the last few weeks with the staff and surgery changes we have had to have to cover illness - our staff have been really great in rallying round and covering extra shifts.

You can catch up on all the other latest news in the news section and Ruth has been preparing a really useful article on first aid for your pet.



If you want to try for yourself the quality of The Heritage Restaurant, then there's no better time of the week than Sunday lunch. Not only does the set menu represent excellent value, but it's also full of the quality the restaurant is famous for. For non-traditionalists, there are some à la carte options. If you are enjoying one of those most traditional Sunday morning activities, a bracing walk, the close proximity of the restaurant to the South West Coastal Path makes it the ideal stopover for a well-earned lunch!

In April John and Anne introduced a monthly lunch club, which has proved to be a great success. With a two-course meal and a guest speaker, it's a great way to enjoy lunch and even learn something new! The next lunch club is planned for Friday 21 September; book early to avoid disappointment.

With the restaurant open for dinner from Mondays to Saturdays, and for lunch on Sundays, what more can you enjoy at The Heritage? Private functions (weddings, special birthdays and anniversaries, funeral wakes, business meetings, group reunions) for groups of 10 or over are welcomed, with the room to seat up to 50 people. These can be booked at any time of the week, even at times when they are normally closed. A package can even be discussed to take over the whole hotel and restaurant - perfect for family gatherings. With their Christmas menus available soon, bookings can be made from mid November to the end of January - you need look no further than The Heritage for your top quality festive celebrations.

So, now that you've decided you're going to dine at The Heritage... why not make the most of your evening and book in to spend the night - even if just to try the fantastic scrambled eggs for breakfast the following morning! There are six beautifully presented en-suite rooms, each individually styled, comfortable and spacious; and the homemade biscuits in each room are a delicious touch.

The restaurant is open Monday to Saturday for dinner, and for lunch on Sundays. Parties for over 10 can be catered for at any time, and the accommodation is available all year round.

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full 21p rate.

Rudge Renewables, are offering their customers a 'Get Your D for Free' offer, providing a EPC survey and certificate at no cost, which will be valid not only for a PV system after April 1st, but any other renewable technology you may want to install later!

Solar panel prices are continuing to fall, and further price drops are anticipated right through the year, making Solar PV very attractive with Return on Investment at 10% or more for southerly facing roofs. Remember though that Feed in Tariffs are due to drop again in July to a lower level, so an early installation will ensure you earn the current FIT rate.

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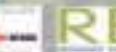
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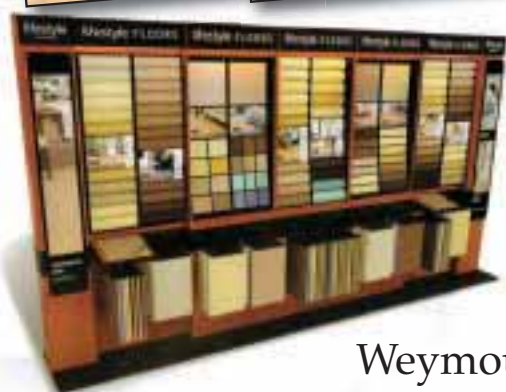
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Banham who said: "How welcome it is in this Jubilee and Olympic year to be able to open a fabulous, sophisticated new venue. "It can do nothing but help improve the local economy and provide a venue where people can enjoy quality wine and food using local ingredients in refined surroundings."



Deputy Mayor Ray Banham stands next to Charlotte Weaver as he opens Bar Acqua.

Owner Charlotte Weaver said: "I wanted to create one of the funkier wine bars in the area and we have definitely succeeded."

"I set out to create a venue that I myself would like to enjoy a drink in and everything has come together perfectly."

"We have placed special emphasis on our cocktails and jelly shooters while our tapas is really mouth-watering, using all sorts of ingredients from cured fish to smoked duck in a style which has gone for quality rather than quantity."

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View 2

The ultimate leisure guide for Dorset

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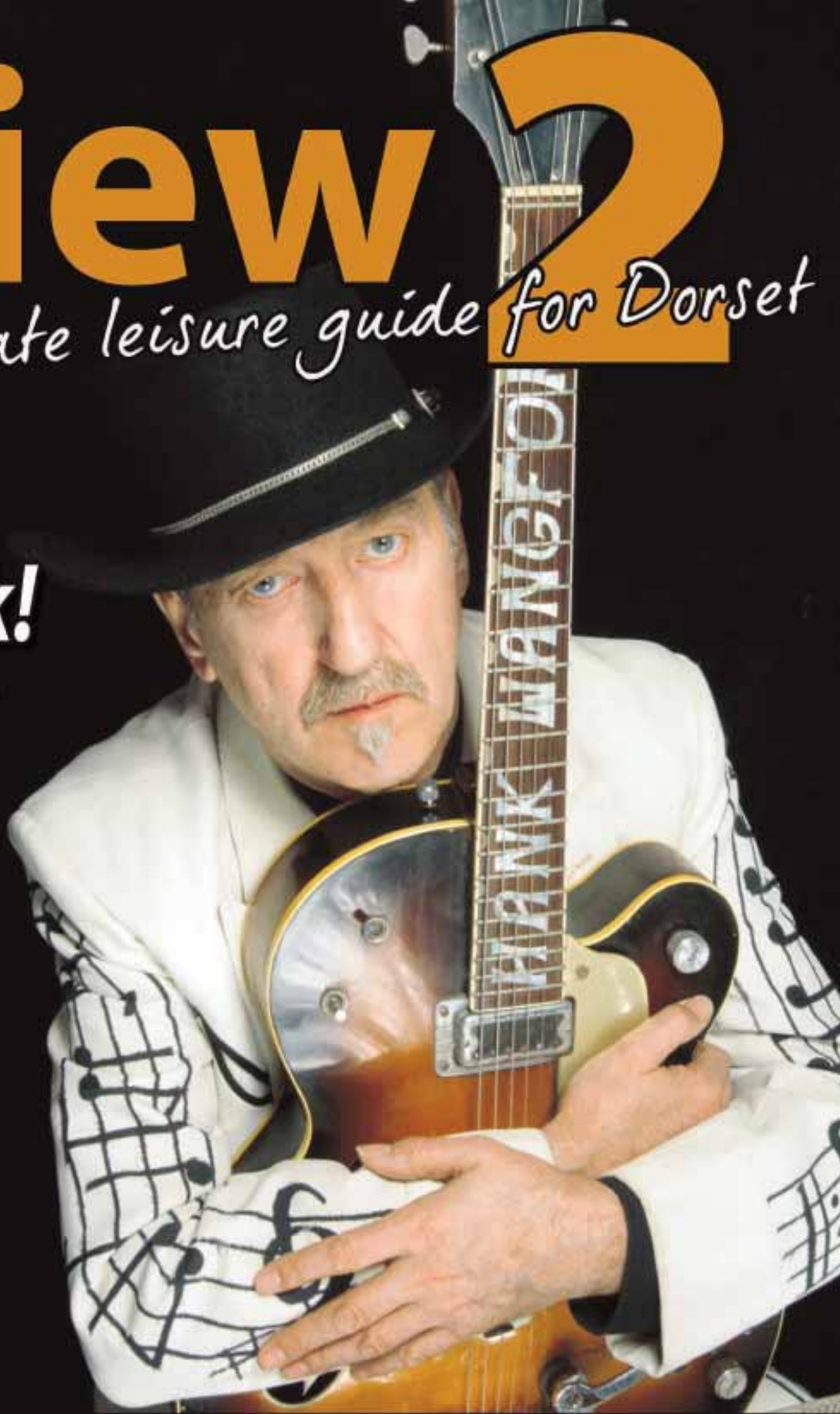
Hank Wangford returns to
Bridport as part of the
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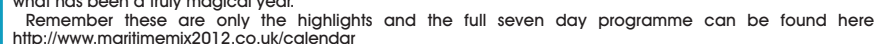
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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society start their autumn season with a slidetalk by Peter Pitman entitled 'Gardens for All', showing some of his favourite garden visits and an update on Mews Cottage. Visitors and members are very welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, at 7.30pm. Further details from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

MAIDEN NEWTON: Maiden Newton Arts Group Members 2nd Exhibition meeting. From 2pm.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

BROADMAYNE: Market at St Martin's Community Hall from 2-3.30pm. Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local water-cress, Local fruit and Vegetables, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

DORCHESTER: Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester, aka the Dorchester French Circle, invites you to the first meeting of their 2012-2013 season. This is "la Soiree de Bienvenue" from 7.30 pm at the Wessex Royale Hotel, High West street, Dorchester. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information and to see our full programme please visit our website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

MAIDEN NEWTON: Maiden Newton Art Group Workshop. Acrylics on Canvas with Josephine Hamilton. 10.30am to 4pm.

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Julie Lewis returns to 115 Club

JULIE Lewis is a Weymouth based singer and pianist with a great reputation. Julie has a free, fun, loose, sensitive and soulful style on the piano. She performed and sang backing vocals on the 2005 Billy Bragg charity top 20 hit We Laughed.

This evening Julie is joined by Simon Rushbrook, renowned local double bass player, and member of the well known Andy Grant Trio.

Julie and Simon last played at 115 club back in March, performing fabulous numbers including "Got to be" and "Everybody's talking", entertaining an enthralled audience.

Pre-booking for dinner between 7:00 and 8:00 pm is essential and guests should telephone on the day (between 2:00 and 6:00pm) to confirm numbers in their party. At which time they will be informed of the cover charge – anticipated at between £5 and £10 per guest. Unfortunately late-comers cannot be accommodated as dining must be completed before the music starts at about 9:00pm.

Check out the 115 Club's own site at www.115club.com or www.facebook.com/115club



JULIE Lewis and Simon Rushbrook during their last 115 Club performance

The best of West Country food and drink at Wessex Food Festival

THE best of West Country food, drink and chefs will come together for a weekend of eating, drinking and cookery demonstrations where you can take home some wonderful gourmet goodies at the Wessex Food Festival.

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Throughout the weekend there will be a host of top West Country chefs demonstrating their amazing talents, with a chance for you to sample their cooking. Wine experts will give advice on what wines best accompany the dishes cooked with a chance to enter the prize draw and win a dinner for two at one of the chef's restaurants.

Festival organisers are extremely grateful to Mark Radford Ltd for building and supplying a bespoke demonstration kitchen. You will be able to visit Mark's stand at the show which will showcase some of his fabulous designs. Looking for a new kitchen? – look no further!

All proceeds from the draw will go to the chosen charity this year which is the Purbeck Isle Memorial Fund. This is to raise money for the families of Farley, Jack and Richard who lost their lives when their crabbing boat sunk off the coast in May. Please come along and give generously to this good cause.

The event is being sponsored by Meyers Estate Agents – Dorset's latest, fastest growing 24/7, family run, independent estate agency.

The Festival will be open on both days from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm, the entrance fee is only £2.50 for adults, £2.00 for Senior Citizens and children under 16 are free. A percentage of the entrance fee will also be given to our chosen charity.

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DREDD 3D¹⁸

THE future America is an irradiated waste land. On its East Coast, running from Boston to Washington DC, lies Mega City One - a vast, violent metropolis where criminals rule the chaotic streets. The only force of order lies with the urban cops called "Judges" who possess the combined powers of judge, jury and instant executioner. Known and feared throughout the city, Dredd (Karl Urban) is the ultimate Judge, challenged with ridding the city of its latest scourge - a dangerous drug epidemic that has users of "Slo-Mo" experiencing reality at a fraction of its normal speed. During a routine day on the job, Dredd is assigned to train and evaluate Cassandra Anderson (Olivia Thirlby), a rookie with powerful psychic abilities thanks to a genetic mutation. A heinous crime calls them to a neighborhood where fellow Judges rarely dare to venture - a 200 story vertical slum controlled by prostitute turned drug lord Ma-Ma (Lena Headley) and her ruthless clan...

THAT'S MY BOY¹⁵

WHILE still in his teens, Donny (Adam Sandler) fathered a son, Todd (Andy Samberg), and raised him as a single parent up until Todd's 18th birthday. Now, after not seeing each other for years, Todd's world comes crashing down on the eve of his wedding when an uninvited Donny suddenly shows up. Trying desperately to reconnect with his son, Donny is now forced to deal with the repercussions of his bad parenting skills. Also stars Leighton Meester, Vanilla Ice and James Caan.

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Royal Manor Theatre to stage production of Vicar of Dibley

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The production takes to the boards at the Theatre from September 10th-15th after scripts for the hugely popular series were recently released for the amateur stage.

So far only a handful of performances have been staged in this country using a script which closely follows the TV series.

Audiences will recognise characters and storylines from the original programmes and Royal Manor says rehearsals are progressing well and the cast are enjoying themselves immensely.

Tickets are available now at Cards and Celebrations in Easton, Danny's in Fortuneswell or by phoning the box office on 01305 860792. Tickets can also be booked on line via www.rmtc-portland.co.uk. They cost £8 for adults, £7 for seniors and £3 for children.

A HAT FOR EVERY HEARTACHE

Hank Wangford and The Lost Cowboys to play Bridport Arts Centre

THE Third Bridport Hat Festival, now establishing itself as a fixture on the social and fashion scene rolls out in September's middle weekend, so on Friday, September 14th Hank and the Lost Cowboys will be opening the proceedings at 8.00pm at the Bridport Arts Centre.



Hank will don and doff a Hat for Every Heartache with the help of his attractive Assistant, Sylvia Hunt and guide y'all through the sombrero bowels of Country music, leaving no sad stone unturned, with his stellar band. This year as well as guitar guru Martin Belmont and pedal steel prophet BJ Cole the Lost Cowboys will feature the delightful Spanner Robinson on distaff harmonies for the first time in Bridport.

So come down to the Arts Centre for another evening of hat-based Country fun. And don't forget your caps, hats, Homburgs, Stetsons, bowlers, Trilbys and fascinators - Bridport's own Mr Snook will be in the audience to see that there are no hat-free heads with fly-away hair to disgrace the proceedings. Hank of course will be paying homage to the Great Man and expecting everyone to join in with The Bridport Hat Festival Waltz.

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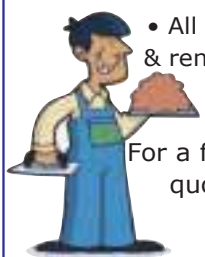
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From Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th September, owners are encouraged to use their classic car for more than just a weekend jaunt but for everyday journeys such as going to work, to the shops and even collecting the children from school.

Classic Car Weekly Editor Dave Richards explains: 'I can't wait! Drive Your Classic to Work week is a celebration of classic driving. Plus

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DORCHESTER 140 ALL OUT
LOST TO POOLE TOWN 142 ALL OUT BY 2 RUNS
SEVEN runs from victory and with three wickets standing it looked like Dorchester would finish a disappointing season on a high note.

But Sean Fitzgerald (15) was caught behind by Dave Miller off Jamie Thomas (3-22) and with James Dunham (0) and Pete Tucker (1) taking Miller's total victims to five, Dorchester fell two runs short.

The county town had earlier bowled out Poole Town for 142 to give themselves a chance of finishing in the top half of the table, with some good opening bowling, from Will Caldwell (2-28 off ten overs) and particularly Dunham who returned brilliant figures of 2-11 from ten overs.

However a solid 60 from Mitchell Wilson held the visiting innings together with support from Dave Quinn (14) and later David Miller (24) as Poole recovered from 86-6, with Sam Goodhew (3-27 from 10) and skipper Dan Belt (2-21) also turning in good bowling performances.

Belt opened the Dorchester innings with their young, emerging talent, but although Will Caldwell (15) and Goodhew (13) got started they found the Poole bowling in fine form with Kristian Wilson (2-27) and then Mitchell Wilson (4-29) causing problems.

Belt came to the rescue with a gritty 45 but when he went at100-5, the wheels came off.

WEYMOUTH 166 ALL OUT LOST TO STALBRIDGE 260 ALL OUT BY 94 RUNS
DESPITE this defeat, Weymouth finished fifth, their highest league position since 2008.

Batting first, the visitors were aggressive from the start, but Weymouth persisted and at one point held the upper hand with Stalbridge 128-7. However 66 from Chris Hedges batting at eight changed the situation, and with support from Andy Dike (32) and Eddie Clements (32) they amassed 260 all out in 48.2 overs. Four Weymouth bowlers Dave Trotter (2-25), Dean Janaway (2-14), Laurie Whyte (2-51) and Matt Lawes (2-56) each bagged a brace.

Weymouth lost Jim Ryall to a first ball duck and they struggled from then on. Only Tom England (45), Matt Lawes (34 not out) and Janaway (26) made any headway as Weymouth were bowled out for 166 all out.

Division Two
BEAMINSTER 183 ALL OUT LOST TO WEYMOUTH 2ND 199-7 BY 16 RUNS
Ten man Weymouth 2nds, already relegated, signed off the season in style recording only their third win against a depleted Beaminster side.

Batting first they scored 199-7 with Andy Jarvis top scoring with a fine unbeaten half century in only his second game of the season. At 6-2 Jarvis (64 not out) showed his experience and with Harry Tucker (30) added 57 for the third wicket. Skipper Michael Pearce then boosted the score with some lusty blows, hitting 39 in a seventh wicket stand of 60. For Beaminster, Simon Jones (2-32) and Ross Baker (2-41) grabbed a brace of wickets each.

In reply Beaminster lost four of their top five batsmen to lbw decisions with Nick David with a fine 63 anchoring the innings before being dismissed in the 34th over. Colin Lloyd (17), Richie Runyard (26) and Baker (16) gave him support, but with a very inexperienced tail Beaminster failed to meet the target by 16 runs as Ryan Sers (4-32) and Graham Puckett (3-48) saw Weymouth home.

Weymouth skipper Pearce said: "In summary, a very pleasing way to finish a difficult summer. The team have improved in the second half of the season and the younger batters have started to produce the runs we know they are capable of.

"This game saw some good batting by Andy Jarvis to steer us from some trouble at 6-2. On a wet pitch he used all his experience and the rest of the team batted around him for us to reach 199-7 with Harry Tucker batting well for his 30.

"In the field despite having only ten men the bowling and fielding was superb, in particular Ryan Sers with his four wickets. It was good to finish with a win in a very enjoyable game of cricket."

POOLE TOWN 2ND 150-4 BEAT DORCHESTER 2ND 149 ALL OUT BY SIX WICKETS
DORCHESTER 2nds lost their relegation shoot-out with Poole Town 2nds by six wickets and as a result will play in Division Three next season.

Batting first they set the hosts a modest target of 149 which Poole achieved in relatively easy circumstances.

Dorchester lost Jon Desborough to the second ball of the game, but Pete Diffey (11) and Simon Joslin (38) looked set when the former was caught behind.

Despite being 14 points behind Poole at start of play, the county town could have still stayed up if they scored 150 and dismissed their opponents for less than 88, but wickets fell regularly and they fell one run short of their target.

With only pride to play for skipper Stuart Beasley (1-16) and Dan Morris (1-23) bowled tightly and after 12 overs Poole were 19-1. With limited bowling options Beasley turned to spin which Poole immediately attacked and despite Phillips (1-38) and Rhys Cole (1-29) bagging wick-

ets, Poole easily reached their target in just 33 overs.

Beasley said: "After last week's game was cancelled after tea, we knew we had a mountain to climb with Poole being 14 points ahead of us, and with the players that we finally managed to assemble I felt confident that we would set a decent score.

"I would just like to say a big thank you to the team. Although we have been relegated, they have still worked really hard all season and never gave up and have been unlucky on occasions. We will come back next season and do our best to get back up to division 2 again.

"Also a big thank you to Martyn Richards, Simon Joslin and Tony Foot for the help and advice they have given me this season, and also to umpire John Ricketts and scorer Andy Harris."

MARTINSTOWN 125-3 BEAT CHRISTCHURCH 124 ALL OUT BY SEVEN WICKETS
MARTINSTOWN won promotion to Division One following this superb seven wicket win.

Having won the toss Christchurch decided to bat first, and were soon in trouble having lost Miles and R Deat to Chris Read (2-23) and Robinson to Matt Camp (3-27) to leave them 13-3.

Dangerman Adams (20) held the innings together until he was caught off Liam Banfield (1-29) whilst those around them floundered, and Christchurch slumped to 56-6 with Ross Stewart (3-26) joining in. Late efforts from Dugan (16), Jeans (24) and Cross (12 not out) saw the visitors' reach 124 all out.

Martinstown fared no better in reply as they were in trouble at 14-3. However captain Danny Dancer produced a superb innings as he and Ed Nichols steered their side to promotion with an unbeaten fourth wicket stand of 111.

Whilst Nichols occupied one end with two fours in his 33 not out off 56 balls, Dancer struck 77 not out with 11 fours and two sixes off just one more ball as they won in less than half their allotted overs.

Dancer said: "It was a great win for us to see us get promoted to Division 1. I lost the toss and Christchurch chose to bat first. We started well with Matt Camp and Chris Read taking important early wickets on a good batting pitch.

"We did really well and managed to get them 56-6 with Liam Banfield taking the important wicket of their number 3. They had a good partnership to recover towards the 100 mark, but Ross Stewart bowled well and economically and we finally managed to bowl them out for 124.

"Our run chase didn't get off to the best of starts with their left arm opener leaving us in trouble at 14-3.

A modest Dancer added: "Ed batted really well

and I batted positively and we managed to see us over the line. It was a great day for the club.

"I would like to thank all of the people involved in helping get us up to Division 1. The chairman and committee do a great job, and thanks to Jon O'Brien and Brian Canniford for their help with umpiring and Rachel Bailey for scoring.

"Also, thanks to all the guys that have prepared us a fantastic wicket every week and have made the ground look great all season."

Division Five North & West
WEYMOUTH LONGSHOTS 267-7 BEAT DORCHESTER 3RD 93 ALL OUT BY 174 RUNS
WEYMOUTH Longshots secured promotion and the league title with an emphatic 177 run victory over a depleted Dorchester 3rd team.

Weymouth, needing victory and maximum points to win the league title, won the toss and batted.

A fifty-run partnership between Mark Hardy and Nick West (28) was broken when spin bowler Sam Roles (3-40) deceived West with the score on 67-3.

The Weymouth innings stuttered again when Sam Roles caught and bowled Hardy (37) and then the very next ball had Mike Gomm leg before wicket as the champions elect slumped to 99-5 off 23 overs.

Knowing maximum batting points were required to secure the title, ex-Weymouth players Hugh Bowden and Neil Hardisty went on the offensive adding 128 in the next 15 overs to turn the game towards the hosts. Bowden was particularly brutal against the young Dorchester attack, hitting 15 fours and two sixes in his 95 before he was leg before to Matt Stevens with the score on 227-6. Hardisty remained on 41 not out as their innings drew to a close on 267-7.

The Dorchester response to chasing a big total was understandably cautious bearing in mind the age of the team. Sam Roles batted soundly for over an hour and half for 30 off 77 balls to set the platform, which some Longshot players unfortunately did not understand.

Dorchester's first wicket fell at 36 when West bowled Jae Miller (16). Eventually ex-premier league bowlers Sammy Rahnyake (5-12) and Almond (3-28) found their range, and despite cameo innings from Simon Roles (10) and Blair (11 no), the Dorchester innings ended on 93.

Division Six North & West
GILLINGHAM 189-7 BEAT PORTLAND RT 2ND 163-4 BY 26 RUNS
PROMOTED Portland 2nd's finished their season with a 26 run defeat at the hands of Gillingham, only the North Dorset side's second victory of the campaign.

TABLES

DORSET FUNERAL PLAN SATURDAY LEAGUE			
Premier League	P	Pts	
Wimborne & Colehill	18	279	
Parley	18	279	
Broadstone	18	238	
Poole Town	18	229	
WEYMOUTH	18	203	
Ferndown Wayfarers	18	186	
DORCHESTER	18	185	
Stalbridge	18	134	
Blandford	18	95	
Winton	18	83	
Division Two	P	Pts	
Wimborne & Colehill 2nds	18	263	
Martinstown	18	247	
Shillingstone	18	224	
Cranborne	18	210	
Witchampton	18	186	
Poole Town 2nds	18	175	
Christchurch	18	171	
BEAMINSTER	18	168	
DORCHESTER 2NDs	18	146	
WEYMOUTH 2NDs	18	94	
Division Three	P	Pts	
Compton House	18	251	
Winton 2nds	18	236	
Cerne Valley	18	228	
Stalbridge 2nds	18	207	
CATTISTOCK	18	200	
Ferndown Wayfarers 2nds	18	191	
PORTLAND RT	18	187	
Parley 2nds	18	166	
Broadstone 3rds	18	166	
BRIDPORT	18	123	
Division Five (N&W)	P	Pts	
WEYMOUTH LONGSHOTS	14	201	
ABBOTSBURY	14	199	
Crewkerne	14	195	
Bradford Abbas	14	146	
DORCHESTER 3RDS	14	141	
Cerne Valley 2nds	14	121	
Marnhill 2nds	14	34	
Henstridge	14	6	
Division Six (N&W)	P	Pts	
Shillingstone 2nds	12	163	
PORTLAND RT 2NDs	12	148	
MARTINSTOWN 2NDs	12	133	
Sturminster & Hinton	12	109	
Stalbridge 3rds	12	97	
BEAMINSTER 2NDs	12	59	
Gillingham	12	43	
LONGHAM GARDEN MACHINERY SUNDAY LEAGUE			
Division Three	P	Pts	
PORTLAND RT	16	238	
Sherborne	16	231	
Parley	16	207	
Stalbridge	16	196	
SYMENE	16	183	
Winton 2nds	16	151	
Lychett Minster	16	138	
Pokesdown Willows	16	133	
CHARLTON DOWN	16	117	
Division Four	Pld	Pts	
Svanage 2nds	14	201	
Sturminster & Hinton	14	196	
Shillingstone 2nds	14	149	
Winton 3rds	14	144	
PORTLAND RT 2NDs	14	111	
Christchurch 2nds	14	105	
Cheselbourne	14	73	
Bournemouth 2nds	14	29	

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BACK in mid-February DORCHESTER, were having a pretty useful season and lying in the top flight of the Southern Counties (South) Division.

At that juncture I felt that they were not promotion candidates. North Dorset did seem to be the stand out side in the division, with Sherborne likely to fill the play off spot.

To say that Sherborne imploded during the run in was a real understatement. They lost their final three league games and Dorchester enjoyed a good end to their campaign, finally pipping them at the post by virtue of the fact that they had won more games, while being equal with them on points. They then travelled to Windsor and lost the play off by a couple of scores.

To be honest, I did not think that they had the strength in depth to make a mark in the South West Division One (East) had they been promoted, but I do see them, under the captaincy of Dave Gower, with Carl Mitchell as his vice, continuing to be a force in the Southern Counties Division.

The Dorchester second side, after a pretty ordinary 2010/11 season, were relegated to the Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South),

something that would not have pleased them overmuch. Credit to them, for they bounced back at the first attempt, winning the division, and will now again compete in division two. One of my pet theories continues to be that a successful first side invariably achieves its success on the back of a successful second side, and I am sure that if Dorchester seconds continue to prosper then its first side will also do so.

Just down the road, WEYMOUTH enjoyed a season that many will envy. Of the twenty two games they played in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South), they won nineteen and collected bonus points for scoring four tries in most of them. April saw them win the division by the massive margin of 23 points, and secure the County Junior Cup into the bargain, with a place in the Southern Counties Division being their reward.

I know that the gap in standard between the two divisions is a substantial one, but I do believe that Weymouth have the ability to make the grade. They have pace out wide, a useful mid field, with Shepherd pulling the strings at ten. Their lineout is adequate, but they could, I think,

do with a bit more strength in depth up front.

Julian Quick continues in the captaincy, with Joe Gibson remaining as his vice, and most of last year's squad remain available. I have for some time believed Weymouth to be the sleeping giants of local rugby. Signs are that they are emerging from that role.

Much credit is due to the club's second side. For several years it toddled along in the Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South), winning a few and losing a few, and generally enjoying itself.

Another sign of Weymouth's progress was the fact that last season the club entered a third team in the league. Although it did not win too many medals, it soldiered on and will be better for the experience.

PUDDLETOWN will most certainly view the forthcoming season with some optimism. With hindsight they would have been pretty happy with last season's league campaign when they ended up in the fourth place of the Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South), just one place above Weymouth seconds.

They achieved this without the services of in-

fluent number eight forward and club captain, Paul Chidley who was forced to sit out the entire season with an injury. He makes a welcome return to the fold and, although he retains the club captaincy, the on-field role continues to be in the hands of midfielder Yeatman. A wise decision this, for it will take the pressure off Chidley as he regains match fitness.

All of last season's squad are available, and, with one or two newcomers to add to the mix, they could well promotion candidates.

PREVIEW
WHATEVER else, WEYMOUTH have not been allowed to "get their feet under the table" in the Southern Counties (South) division, for their initial game sees them entertain near neighbours DORCHESTER.

The county town side narrowly lost a promotion play off last April and, although I did not regard them as promotion candidates for much of the season, league tables do not lie. They were certainly a top flight side last term, and I think that they will remain one throughout the coming season.

This local derby takes place at Weymouth and will provide some early spice to the new season. I do not see either side gaining a stranglehold at the set piece, but the home side should beware of the Dorchester back three and their ability to run wayward kicks back. Their first up tackling will have to be sure also.

For the life of me I cannot see Weymouth opening their league campaign with a win, although I think it will be a good contest.

As to the second sides, they, together with PUDDLETOWN, begin their respective league programmes on September 15th. I do believe however that there are some friendlies taking place on Saturday next.

FIXTURES 8th September
Bridport v Bournemouth 3rd (away); Chard v Old Redcliffans; Crewkerne v Ivel Barbarians 2nd; Dorchester v Weymouth (away); Honiton v Tavistock; Honiton 2nd v Tavistock 2nd; Puddletown v Friendly; Sidmouth 2nd v Cullompton 2nd; Weymouth v Dorchester; Weymouth 2nd v Portland YO1 (away).



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WEST DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

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Magpies fine form continues

Sutton United 1 Dorchester Town 2
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DORCHESTER Town moved into the dizzy heights of second place in the Blue Square South after this fine win at Sutton United at Gander Green on Saturday.

Two goals inside the first 20 minutes set up the win although the U's put in a strong second half performance and pulled a goal back on the hour, Dorchester showed their resilience to hold out for the victory.

The hosts started brightly and Tom Kavanagh's long-range effort flew wide, before his mistake led to Dorchester taking the lead on 14 minutes when his intended pass to Gareth Gwillam wide on the right was cut out by Ben Watson. The former Eastbourne striker immediately fed Ashley Nicholls slotted home.

On-loan Jamie Reid, who is forming a good partnership with Watson up front almost immediately added a second after cutting inside from the left, but Scriven turned his dipping angled shot away for a corner. However Dorchester were not to be denied, and from Neil Martin's resulting corner, Watson scrambled the ball home at the far post.

Although Craig Watkins fired one past the post soon after, Scriven was soon in action again turning Reid's low drive away where Watson drove the rebound wide of the far post.

Sutton manager Paul Doswell having had to use sub Kezie Ibe already due to an injury to Nick McKoy, introduced his two remaining replacements, Craig Dundas and Connor McLaren at the break in an effort to get something from the game, and it paid dividends almost immediately. Jamie Stuart forced Magpies keeper Jason Matthews to push away his initial shot, and when the ball was returned into the penalty area by Anthony Riviere, he fired wide of the post.

They did however pull a goal back just before the hour when Martin brought down Harry Beautyman as he turned after controlling Watkins low cross, and Gwillam beat Matthews from the spot.

Dorchester had to defend stoutly for a while as Sutton with their tails up looked for an equaliser, and eventually pushed them back, although Riviere went close.

The Magpies had a let off five minutes before

the end when Connor McLaren's looping cross hit the far post but Beautyman couldn't reach the rebound.

Then Matthews was quick off his line to thwart Dundas as he broke through, turning his shot away for a corner from which Nicholl's had to hack the ball off the line from Watkins' header.

This was a well earned victory and the points could be important come the end of the season.

Terras frustrated at Redditch

Redditch United 0 Weymouth 0

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WEYMOUTH were frustrated at not securing all three points at the Valley Stadium on Saturday when they had what they thought was a perfectly good goal disallowed by the referee.

In the end the Terras had to settle for a point which leaves them with six points from their opening five Evo-Stik Southern Premier league games.

The controversial moment came midway through the first-half when Weymouth skipper Scott Walker headed the ball out of Red's keeper Niall Cooper's hand as he looked to throw it out to his full-back. Walker noticing he was not in full control of it, headed it out of his hand and put the ball in the net, but the referee disallowed the goal.

In an even first-half both sides had their chances; the Terras grateful to Simon Evans in the first minute saving from Mark Danks who was through on goal.

Ben Joyce who was looking for more goals following his hat-trick against Bideford had a couple of good opportunities to add to his haul, and after shooting wide when well placed, Cooper foiled him by pushing his shot onto the post after Barry McConnell had set him free.

The woodwork saved the Terras at the other end before the break when Danks couldn't squeeze the ball home.

Weymouth had the better of the exchanges after the break and after Dan Smith went close on two occasions, Kyle Critchell headed over, but in the end they had to settle for a point.

Town players on win bonus scheme

A SCHEME to pay Portland Town players a win bonus has been given the green light at the lat-

est managers monthly meeting which could mean players pocketing up to £25 a month.

Club secretary Andy Barber who raised the idea at the meeting said: "All players that play in a winning first team game will pocket the £5 win bonus cash prize. At the end of the month the money will be handed to the players and this could be as much as £25 each."

The clubs long term ambition is to adapt the same scheme for all their competitive sides eventually, but for now it's the flag ship first team that will give the system a one season long trial period.

Barber continued: "We are hoping it may help us attract new players of the standard required for Division 2, as well as push those on the fringes to continue working hard to break into the first team."

"It's also obviously going to keep current first team regulars on their toes. But it's not all about that; we also want to reward those that do commit and remain loyal to the club."

Portland Town took on local rivals Portland United for the first time ever in a friendly on Thursday.

good relationship

Although beaten 8-1 by the Magna Dorset Premier side Barber said "It was a decent game and a good run-out for our boys, and I hope people will realise that the ridiculous rumours of a falling-out between our two clubs is nothing more than that."

"We in fact have a great relationship with United. They allowed us to use their pitch in May for our annual charity game and have now asked us to play their reserve side in what will be both club's last pre-season friendly."

Portland Town FC have bolstered their squad ahead of the new campaign to the tune of over 100 registered players for their three Saturday sides.

New additions for the first team include former Portland United duo Ant Luque, whose son Ryley has signed for the Under 7's, and Andy Perkins who was a regular first teamer for the Islanders last season.

They have also just recruited the services of Portesham United's speedy winger Colin Upfold after the club released him after a falling out. Town kick-off the season on Saturday.

BOWLS ROUND-UP

Tournament beats weather

CONTRASTING weather conditions did not prevent an exciting climax to the 53rd Weymouth & Portland Open Bowls Tournament held last week.

Deputy Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Ray Banham, bowled the opening wood at the Melcombe Regis green before commencing his tour of the greens where he spoke to players and officials.

There were a series of highly contested matches involving teams from all over the country and highlighted by the result of a Triples match involving a local team from Greenhill where the final result was a 16-16 draw.

A team from Weston-Super-Mare (WSM) made their mark by taking six of the available eight points available day one, whilst teams from Bristol and Greenhill also made their presence known by taking the maximum six points available. The Greenhill squad however failed to make a clean sweep on the first day when they their club singles champion was surprisingly beaten by Richard Roberts from West London, a regular and welcome attendee to the tournament with his father for numerous years.

With the round robin matches nearing completion at the end of day two the WSM team held a five point lead over a Greenhill team, whilst the Bristol side had a six point advantage in their group. The closest group involved a Greenhill with 14 points who were to play a ladies team from Melcombe Regis who had overcome the majority of competition they had encountered and had 12 points.

Having bowled in excellent weather conditions all week the Finals Day was marred by poor weather conditions during the afternoon session when a driving wind off the sea accompanied by torrential rain hampered the competitors at Greenhill Bowls Club.

During the morning the Rinks and Singles disciplines were the first to be competed in the High Five Classic event sponsored by the Co-operative Funeralcare between WSM who had beaten Greenhill in their semi-final, and the team from Bristol including two local Melcombe Regis players who had defeated a team comprising of West London, Melcombe Regis and Borsal Officers players.

Both the morning Singles and Rinks disciplines were won by the WSM team.

In the afternoon the teams again competed but this time in the Pairs and Triples disciplines to decide the winners of the High Five Classic.

The WSM team secured a 2-shot victory in the Pairs and managed to draw 15-15 in the Triples to add to their two wins during the morning session, giving them a clear victory in the major Tournament event.

The semi-finals of The Classic Plate competition sponsored by Bluebird Care involved teams who had not qualified for the High Five Classic final but who had won their quarter final elimination matches; the two teams with the best overall shot difference in the Pairs and Triples disciplines proceeding to the final. Unfortunately one of the teams entered by a J Wahnnon, did not appear much to the annoyance of all the other teams.

These games gave the host of spectators the privilege of watching a young Weymouth bowler, Brandon King, in his first outdoor competitive competition season, rise to the occasion, and assist his team through to the afternoon final involving two local teams.

The final was a very close affair. Team B Pairs comprising Fred Amey from Melcombe Regis and King, who again displayed his future potential as a brilliant bowls player, overcame the weather conditions by securing a fine +8 shot difference.

Their triples counterparts had a more difficult game against Team E but gradually pegged shots back, and the trophy was decided on the last wood of the match; Jean Burnett taking the shot to reduce their defeat to -7 giving them an overall one shot victory.

The final of the annual Men's Triples, sponsored by Jenny Andrews and Weymouth & Portland involved a local team from Melcombe Regis and an opposing team made up of Wellworthy players and a young Poole area player, Dale Mason. This team had been officially warned for not fully abiding by the competition rules during their semi-final match the previous evening, and were lucky to have secured a place in the final.

Melcombe Regis found it difficult to adapt to the weather conditions and coupled with a series of fine drawing wood deliveries by



■ OFF WE GO: Deputy Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Ray Banham starts the tournament watched by Roger Williams (Melcombe Regis President) and Angie Bertram (Tournament Chairman)

Mason and Dave Hanger, saw the Wellworthy team take out their opponents holding wood with their last shot to snatch victory.

The weather conditions resulted in the Tournament prize giving ceremony being held in the Greenhill Club House as opposed to outside. At the prize giving, thanks were offered to all the tournament volunteers, the advertisers who had assisted in the publication of the Handbook and to the Marlborough Restaurant by Town Bridge for their sponsorship of the Tournament scorecards.

The winners were introduced by the Tournament Secretary, Dave Wise, and prizes presented by sponsor representatives, Helen Allen of the Co-Operative Funeralcare and Chris Scriven of Bluebird Care who were assisted by Ray Banham (Deputy Mayor of Weymouth & Portland) and Peter Brown (President of Greenhill Bowls Club).

A commemorative medallion was also presented to the Tournament Umpire Alan Preece who had travelled from Axminster and had provided an excellent service to all competitors throughout the day.

List of winners: High 5 Classic: Winners - S & W Harrison, S & M Cooper, C Gazzard / Runners-up - R & J Owens, K French, B Bover, R Skidmore / Losing semi-finalists - B & R Roberts, J Hamilton, D Prowse, D Wise, A & M Chislett, D Obbe, B Hodder, P Goater

Classic Plate: Winners - B King, P Bolch, V O'Leary, P Bolch, J Burnett / Runners-up - D & M Mitchell, J Samways, P Davis, C Ambrose

Mens Triples: Winners - D Hanger, J Wahnnon, D Mason / Runners-up - B Bailey, H King, D Plumpton / Losing semi-finalists - M Puckett, C Cook, B King, R Rutter, A Goodwin, V Moriarty

Good County win for Melcombe Regis
TORRENTIAL rain welcomed the Melcombe Regis Bowling club squad to Portland where they were to face **Portland Victoria**.

The teams agreed to play the match in the hope that the weather conditions would improve, but unfortunately this was not the case.

The rink of B.Bailey, R.Skidmore, D.Plumpton & skip D.Branney made a good early start by taking the lead and retained their advantage to win their game. Every end that was contested throughout this match apart from two ends was decided by a single shot.

Another Melcombe rink of G.Constant, P.Davis, H.King & skip B.Bover found themselves trailing by four shots in the early stages of their match. They then began to adapt to the conditions, pulling back this shot deficit until they succeeded in taking a commanding lead which they retained ensuring another winning game.

The third rink of M.Walker, P.Emeny, J.Samways & skip D.Wise had a tight game against the Portland rink skipped by K.Vincent. At no time throughout the match was the shot difference between the sides greater than a single shot until the final two ends when Melcombe made their mark taking two shots on each end.

This result ensured that overall Melcombe took all of the 10-points available on the night. They now find themselves with an excellent points total prior to their final two matches where every point they score will become a deciding factor in which team eventually takes the County Division One League title.

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With over 70 entrants expected in a variety of classes, a top class days racing is assured, not only for the connoisseur but

also for someone keen on watching racing close up. There are plenty of vantage points and will make a good family day out, for as well as the racing there are stalls and refreshments tents.

Gates open at 10am with adults tickets costing £6 per day, accompanied children under 14 free.

LONDON 2012 PARALYMPICS

GB sailors in medal hunt

WITH six of the 11 races completed, GB's Paralympic sailors currently hold a gold and silver place in two of the three races being held at Weymouth and Portland.

Helena Lucas currently has a healthy lead in the 2.4mR class after her one poor race on Sunday, when she finished in 11th position after being forced to take a 720 degree turn, had been deleted under the scoring regulations.

She has a total score of eight points nine ahead of her nearest challenger Heiko Kroger of Germany.

In the Skud-18 class Alex Rickham and Nikki Burrell are just one point behind the Australian duo of Dan

Fitzgibbon and Liesi Tesch.

They went into Monday's sixth race neck and neck but the Brits had to settle for third behind the Australians who won the race.

The Sonar trio of John Robertson, Hannah Stodel and Stephen Thomas are a disappointing seventh having so far not being able to better fourth place on three occasions.

The Dutch crew are way ahead with nine points at present but only five points separate GB (25) and second place France (20) so the prospects of a medal are still good.

At the time of going to press Tuesday's races were delayed due to lack of wind.

Winter cricket training commences

PORTLAND Red Triangle Cricket Club are already getting prepared for next season by announcing their winter training schedule, which begins tonight (Thursday).

In order for coaches to build in separate coaching programmes for each age group there will be two sessions.

The under 13 sessions will run every Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm, and the over 13s from 6.30pm to 8pm. The cost is £3 per session with a £5 enrolment fee.

Triangle have also entered teams at Under 10s (softball), U12s, U14s and U16s into the West Dorset Indoor League which will start on Saturday, September 8th.

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King happy with Terras start

WEYMOUTH manager Brendon King is pleased with his team's start to the season having taken six points from their first five games, despite criticism from some fans that they should be doing better.

The Terras boss cited the fact that three of the games were away from home, including the 0-0 draw at Redditch, and that was one of the areas they had identified as needing improvement.

"Our form away from home last year was disappointing and we knew we had to improve that if we are to have a better season this time.

"We realised we needed to be more compact, especially when the ball breaks down and get back behind it, and I think that showed at Redditch on Saturday, where we did exactly that.

"In fact not only did we keep a clean sheet we were unlucky not to have come away with three points."

Weymouth had a number of good chances and, but for some good saves

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by U's keeper might have scored. Indeed they did have the ball in the net midway through the first-half when skipper Scott Walker headed the ball out of the hand of Cooper as he looked to throw it out.

"Their keeper had the ball in one hand and was gesticulating to his full-back with the other so Scott nodded it out of his hand and put it in the net.

"We were a bit aggrieved when the ref disallowed it because we thought it was a legitimate goal.

"I understand there was an assessor in the stand and he told him he should have allowed it.

"That's three tough games we have had away from home, and although we didn't play well at St Neots, I think we have showed in the other two that

we are turning it around away from home, and if we can keep doing that whilst winning our home games then we will be pleased.

"I know nobody has a divine right to win at home but our form is pretty good, the new lads are settling in well.

"We are trying to do the right things and we are setting ourselves little targets which we are achieving.

"I know everyone wants to be top of the league, but we have had a number of new personnel this season who need to and are bedding in well, but I am happy with the teams we have played so far with six points."

Weymouth, who were 12th after Saturday's result, host two teams with contrasting starts to the season.

AFC Totton visited the Bob Lucas Stadium on Tuesday having lost their first two games of the season.

While this Saturday they meet unbeaten Hemel Hempstead Town who had won four of their first five and scored 16 goals in the process.



■ WEYMOUTH'S Keith Haines will be in action on Asprilia SXV over the border at Wiscombe Park on Saturday.

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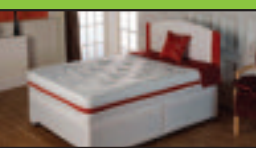
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